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10/696,709 Filed
October 30, 2003For
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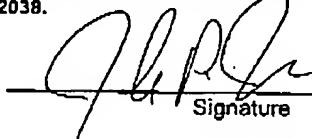
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